NOTE VIII.

A NEW SQUIRREL FROM THE STANLEY-FALLS

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This beautiful greenish tinged Squirrel has been procured by Mr. G. J. A. Pool at the Stanley-falls, Congostate, in August 1905; Professor Dr. A. A. W. Hubrecht (Utrecht) had the kindness as to present it to our National Museum. It apparently is an animal belonging to a hitherto undescribed species; I describe it here under the specific title of the collector:

Sciurus Poolii, n. sp.

It is a wood-squirrel, known by the indigenes under the name *Pania ya mti* (Kiswahili-dialect), rather frequent, eaten by the Negros (observations made by Mr. Pool).

It belongs to the striped Squirrels, like *lemniscatus*, *congicus*, *Böhmi* a. s. o.; it is of the size of *lemniscatus*. Tail incomplete. It is an adult female with four inguinal teats. From between the shoulders a broad band runs along the back to the tail; the sides of this band are of a deep black till half-way the back; from the middle of this band between the shoulders these hairs are greenish yellow tipped in broadening quantities towards the haunches, then diminishing to the base of the tail. Sides of body of a greenish yellow hue, the very soft mouse-colored hairs being broadly tipped with greenish yellow. Parallel to the broad band along the back there is on each side a good pronounced dark black band from the shoulder to the knee separating a less broad band from the rest of the above

described sides of the body; underparts of a much lighter color, so the inside of legs, meanwhile the outside of the legs is of the color of the sides of the body. Head very short behaired, each hair mouse-color with greenish yellow tip; round eyes a light ring; lips broadly with pure white like chin. Tail round; each hair of a dark mouse-color, broadly ringed and tipped with greenish yellow.

Measurements of the skull in millimeters:

Basilar length	33
Basal length	36
Condylo-basal length	38.5
Condylo-basilar length	36
Palatal length	20
Palatilar length	17.5
Greatest breadth of skull	25
Length of upper molar series	7
Length of lower molar series	8
Length of nasalia	11
Diastema	11

Incisors orange yellow; anterior to the four molars there is in the left ramus of the upper jaw a very small tooth, of which there is no trace to be seen in the right jaw.